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'Best of Wabash County' voting begins

The nominations are now closed for the Plain Dealer's annual Best of Wabash County contest, and voting has now begun. Voting will be done online by visiting <https://wabashplainealer.secondstreetapp.com/Wabash-Countys-Greatest-2021/> now. Voting will conclude at noon Saturday, Nov. 6. Winners will be announced on Saturday, Nov. 20. The categories are listed under 10 groups. To add a business that may have been left out of the nominations, please email publisher Kelly Miller at kmiller@pmginni.com immediately.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate

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Lagro man dies in a single-vehicle crash Saturday

Teizo Fox, 41, of Lagro, was pronounced dead at the scene

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A single-vehicle accident early Saturday morning left a Wabash County man dead.

Indiana State Police (ISP) Peru Post public information officer Sgt. Tony Slocum said officers from the ISP and the Wabash County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene at approximately 12:22 a.m.

Slocum said the crash occurred at the intersection of County Road 325 East and Baumbauer Road.

Slocum said the preliminary crash investigation by ISP Senior Troopers Todd Trottier and Jeremy Perez revealed that Teizo Fox, 41, of Lagro, was driving a 2015 Kia Soul southbound on Baumbauer Road.

Slocum said Fox approached approaching a stop sign at the T-intersection of County Road 325 East.

"The Kia failed to stop and traveled through the intersection, crossed Baumbauer Road, and struck a large rock on the south side of the road," said Slocum. "The Kia came to rest after impact with the rock."

Slocum said Fox was pronounced deceased at the crash scene.

"This crash is still under in-

vestigation," said Slocum.

On Monday, Slocum said the evidence showed "he was not wearing a seat belt."

"Toxicology tests are pending," said Slocum.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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New Ivy Tech Fort Wayne and Warsaw chancellor reaches out



Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater, left, speaks with new Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne and Warsaw chancellor Dr. Kim Barnett-Johnson, right, on Monday at the Heartland Career Center.

Dr. Kim Barnett-Johnson meets with community leaders

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After over a decade of leading the Ivy Tech Community College Fort Wayne and Warsaw locations, Dr. Jerrilee K. Mosier retired from her position as chancellor on Sept. 10.

Her successor, Dr. Kim Barnett-Johnson, has been meeting with community leaders on Oct. 5, 14, 19, 20, 25, and 27 in Kosciusko, Whitley, Adams, Noble, Wabash, and Huntington counties respectively.

On Monday at the Heartland Career Center, Barnett-Johnson said she has been in higher education for a little over 27 years. Barnett-Johnson said in her two

decades at Ivy Tech she had held a number of roles, starting with the degree completion program, then throughout academics as the dean, then the vice-chancellor of academic affairs and now, chancellor.

"I'm looking at it from a little different lens right now. Whereas before it was all about academics because I was in academics. But now I'm looking at it from a different perspective of looking at every aspect of what Ivy Tech has to offer. And then seeing what our communities need so that we can partner in whatever way we find possible to partner with them. Just to make sure that our communities have the educational resources

that they need," said Barnett-Johnson.

Barnett-Johnson said the COVID-19 pandemic had caused several changes in the way they conduct business, some of which will remain.

"At the very beginning, we had no idea how we were going to get through it. But we've made a lot of adjustments in all aspects of our services, some of which we will keep," said Barnett-Johnson. "We realize that students in the community really like the virtual services. It's more convenient for people depending on their work schedules and things of that nature. So there's going to be many aspects of it that we hold on to.

But our ultimate desire is to get back to as much face to face-to-facesibly can."

Barnett-Johnson said Ivy Tech was extremely focused on helping businesses fill open positions as the economy begins to re-open.

"We're constantly in conversation with our community partners, our business partners, trying to find out again specifically what they need and then seeing if there's a way that we can make programming happen or whatever the case may be on our campus to try to provide the business community the workforce that they need. So that's part of the constant conversation that

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Manchester takes on U Can Crush Hunger 2021 challenge

University collected 34,670 pounds of food in 2020

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Last year, the community helped Manchester University take first place in the sixth annual U Can Crush Hunger competition.

MU collected 34,670 pounds of food in 2020, and it is asking for your help again this year.

Manchester, Huntington

University, Indiana Tech, Indiana University Fort Wayne, Ivy Tech, Purdue Fort Wayne, Trine University and the University of Saint Francis are in a friendly competition to collect 100,000 pounds of food for Community Harvest Food Bank before Friday, Nov. 12.

The campaign helps Community Harvest provide meals to thousands of northeast Indiana families, seniors and veterans during the holidays and it supports food pantries on college

campuses for students struggling with food insecurity.

Manchester can take donations in several ways:

■ Online: Every dollar donated online equals four pounds of food. You may help by visiting https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=3H2RHHBKK9GBS.

■ Porch pickup: Flyer with information about collection from North Manchester homes will be distributed Wednesday, Oct. 27. Nonperishable food such as peanut butter, canned meat (chicken,

tuna), canned vegetables and canned fruit will be picked up starting at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29. If you would like to donate but are unable to put out donations, email servicengagement@manchester.edu.

■ At Monster Mash: Canned goods will be accepted at the Monster Mash Haunted Forest. It is 7:30 to 9:30 Thursday, Oct. 28 in the wooded trails near Schwalm Hall at the North Manchester campus.

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Head-on crash sends four to hospital

WPD officers suspect drugs, alcohol may have been a contributing factor

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A head-on crash Friday sent four people to the hospital.

Wabash Police Department (WPD) public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said officers responded to the scene in the 1100 block of Manchester Avenue.

Benson said the southbound driver, Jason C. Bozell, 50, of Wabash, was transported from the scene to a Fort Wayne hospital.

The front seat passenger of Bozell's vehicle, Carrie L. Reed, 45, of North Manchester, was also transported to a Fort Wayne hospital.

The northbound driver, Tracy Lamb, 40, of Fort Wayne, and her juvenile daughter were transported to Parkview Wabash Hospital.

A backseat juvenile passenger in Lamb's vehicle was treated at the scene and

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WPD encourages Halloween safety

Trick-or-treat hours for the city are 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Halloween this weekend and local law enforcement officers are asking the public to be safe.

Trick-or-treating hours for the city of Wabash are from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

Wabash Police Department public information officer Capt. Matt A. Benson said the following guidelines should be followed:

■ Trick or treating should be done with adult supervision or in groups.

■ Make sure your costume does not restrict your vision when walking door to door.

■ If you are trick-or-treating after dark, have reflective material on your costume.

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Governor’s Public Health Commission discusses public health workforce

STAFF REPORT

Gov. Eric Holcomb’s Public Health Commission met Thursday at the Indiana State Library to discuss public health workforce issues, according to a press release.

Co-chair Judy Monroe, M.D., FAAFP, opened the meeting and noted that the topic of the workforce is timely given the current struggles with retention issues across the state and country.

“We need a strong workforce and there is nothing more fundamental to achieving the mission,” she said.

Special guests were Courtney Medlock, MPH, of the Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research and Policy, Indiana University School of Medicine, and Valerie A. Yeager, DrPH, MPhil, from the Department of Health Policy and Management, Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health.

Medlock reviewed potential opportunities for public health and the healthcare workforce to combine efforts to improve public health services in Indiana.

“We must talk about the

healthcare workforce and the public health workforce in unison. There are multiple roles that overlap,” including physicians, nurses and health educators, Medlock said.

Medlock and Yeager offered potential areas of focus, including data collection to inform policymaking, developing health workforce strategies for recruitment and retention, and coordination of policies for training and workforces across state agencies.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box added that the public will have multiple opportunities to provide input to the commission. A public comment form has been made available on the commission’s website where Hoosiers can provide feedback on the areas of focus for the commission. Beginning in January, the commission will also conduct statewide listening tours to hear directly from communities.

Holcomb established the 15-member commission in August to study Indiana’s public health infrastructure and make recommendations for improvements. The commission is co-chaired by former State Health Com-

missioner Dr. Judy Monroe, who now serves as president and CEO of the CDC Foundation, and former state Sen. Luke Kenley. Current State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, serves as secretary, while former Congresswoman Susan Brooks serves as a non-voting citizen advisor.

The commission will examine the strengths and weaknesses of Indiana’s current public health system and make recommendations to improve the delivery of public health services across the state. The commission’s work will focus on areas including emergency preparedness, governance and structure, funding, data and information, healthcare and public health workforce, and the integration of childhood and adolescent health services.

The commission’s next meeting is Nov. 18 in the History Reference Room at the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis. The commission will discuss public health funding and financing.

Executive Order 21-21 established the commission.

For more information, visit www.in.gov/gphc.

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food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Monster Mash planned at Manchester University

Manchester University Monster Mash trick or treat is on the Manchester Mall again this year for local children. It is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28. If weather moves activities inside the Cordier Auditorium Lobby, all participants will be required to wear a face mask and practice social distancing. The Monster Mash Haunted Forest is also making a return this year. It is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the wooded trails near Schwalm Hall. Both are free and open to the public. Young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The spooky Haunted Forest might be too scary for some children. Manchester asks community members to bring canned good donations. A donation is not required, and any food collected will go toward feeding those in need.

Two WCS board seats are now open

The city of Wabash is now accepting applications for appointees to two Wabash City School (WCS) board

seats. Mayor Scott Long’s assistant Bev Vanderpool said the selected appointees will begin service on Jan. 1, 2022, and serve for four years. Application forms are available from Vanderpool through noon Friday, Oct. 29 at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St. Vanderpool said applicants must live within the WCS district to be considered. Members wishing reappointment must complete a new application. The applicants will be interviewed in a public meeting.

Annual Dash in the Bash 5K planned at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the Annual Dash in the Bash 5K for Saturday, Oct. 30. Registration is open with early bird pricing of \$25. Sign up online or by stopping by the Member Services Desk at the YMCA. Proceeds benefit the Promise Indiana Wabash County Scholarship Fund. For more information, visit www.wabashcountymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountymca.org. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.wabashcountymca.org/support-y/ donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountymca.org.

Dr. Ford Home announces ‘fun, family-friendly’ event lineup

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment welcomes guests of all ages to Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St., for a full schedule of fun, family-friendly events in 2021, including Trick or Treat at the Home during the city of Wabash’s trick-or-treat hours; and Wabash and Erie Canal history program with Jeff Koehler at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more

information, visit HoneywellArts.org/dr-ford-home.






Friends of the NMPL to hold handmade quilt raffle

The Friends of the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) will raffle off a handmade quilt by Cass Rish. Tickets will be sold from Monday, Nov. 1 through Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the NMPL. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the front desk for \$5 apiece or five tickets for \$20. Cash, checks or credit cards are all accepted. The winner will be drawn at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23. Participants do not need to be present to win. For more information, call 260-982-4773 or email nmpl@nman.lib.in.us.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway





Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May 2022 for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Nov. 2, 2021; Dec. 7, 2021; Jan. 4, 2022; Feb. 1, 2022; March 1, 2022; April 12, 2022; and May 3, 2022. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Nov. 16, 2021; Dec. 21, 2021; Jan. 18, 2022; Feb. 15, 2022; March 15, 2022; April 26, 2022; and May 17, 2022. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 58 / 47	 Thursday Showers Likely 57 / 51	 Friday Showers Likely 58 / 48	 Saturday Few Showers 56 / 44	 Sunday Partly Cloudy 59 / 41
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:47 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:07 a.m.

 Last 10/28	 New 11/4	 First 11/11	 Full 11/19
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 58°, humidity of 64%. East northeast wind 2 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 47°. East wind 6 to 9 mph. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with an 80% chance of showers, high of 57°, humidity of 86%.

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released to her father.

“Preliminary investigation reveals that the two vehicles collided head-on,” said Benson.

On Monday, Benson said Bozell and his passenger were not wearing seat belts. “The airbags did deploy in

their vehicle,” said Benson. “All occupants of the other vehicle had seat belts on and the airbag deployed.”

Benson said the crash is still under investigation.

“Wabash Police allege that alcohol and/or drugs may be a factor in the crash,” said Benson. “Wabash Police are awaiting blood results on the drivers. A criminal charge is merely an accusation. Every

defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.”

Benson said toxicology results take anywhere from two to four months to be returned.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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we’re having because the needs are always changing,” said Barnett-Johnson. “We may get over this one hump where we finally get manufacturing to where they need to be and then we’ll have another need coming from another area.”

Barnett-Johnson said Ivy Tech goes out of their way to partner with kindergarten through 12th grade schools, long before students might even think about a college.

“We’re trying to do is we’re trying to insert ourselves in programming that starts at those levels so that the kids can start to see and understand what the community needs actually are and then by the time they

get to that place where it’s time to go to college or whatever we’re actually offering those exact courses that they need to stay and give back to the community. We’re trying to get involved at every level and not just wait until a student graduates from high school,” said Barnett-Johnson.

Barnett-Johnson said students who choose Ivy Tech can transfer to other universities across the state with which they have articulation agreements.

“Those would transfer wherever they want to go,” said Barnett-Johnson.

Barnett-Johnson said she was inspired by students who chose to finish degrees later in life and showed a lifelong passion for learning.

“Honestly that’s one of the things that sold me when I

first started working at Ivy Tech 20 years ago,” said Barnett-Johnson. “I remember my first graduation as dean and we had a student that was 70-plus years old. And I was fascinated by that. I asked, ‘Why now?’ He said, ‘It was something I always wanted to do and I just figured I’d come to Ivy Tech and do it.’ And so to me that’s what makes me love the place because we really truly are a college for any and everybody. Not just what you see at the traditional level. For any person who wants to skill up or get a degree or go on for their doctorate or whatever the case may be, we’re a great place to start.”

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HALLOWEEN

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■ Only go to houses which you know.

■ Parents, please inspect all treats before your children eat them.

Benson said motorists should be cautious and slow down when driving the streets on Halloween.

“Remember children are going to be in and out of the streets frequently,” said Benson.

Benson said if anyone finds anything suspicious they should contact local law enforcement.

“The WPD hopes everyone has a safe Halloween,” said Benson.

In addition to the city’s trick-or-treating hours, Wabash Marketplace is presenting its fifth annual free Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza on the Miami Street

block between Market and Canal streets from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, said public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis.

Wabash Trucking will bring one of its roll-off trucks to dump more than one ton of candy onto Miami Street for trick-or-treaters. Candy will cascade to Miami Street promptly at 5 p.m. and trick-or-treaters can collect their candy until 7 p.m.

Bachelor Creek Church will present an outdoor Costume Contest at 6 p.m. at Lighthouse Mission, 123 W. Canal St. Guests are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early to secure spots in the contest. The contest will be judged by age categories and a group/family award. One prize will be awarded per category. Categories include Birth to 2 years, 3 to 6 years, 7 to 12 years, 12-

plus/Teen/Adult and Group/Family.

Other events include live music by Adam Strack on Market Street Grill’s outdoor balcony, bounce house and glow sticks courtesy of New Song Church, variety of local food trucks, Wabash Fire Department Fire Engine, WPD officer and squad car, fall photo booth by Kaleigh M. Photography, life-size elephant sculpture at Modoc’s Market, a variety of community vendors on Miami Street and Trolley No. 85 will run a route in downtown Wabash. In the case of rain or inclement weather, Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 in downtown Wabash.

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MU students are taking part in other #UCanCrush events, including Costume Bingo at the North Manchester campus. The Office of Academic and Student Affairs at the Fort Wayne campus is hosting a canned food sculpture contest during Halloween week.

There is also a donation bin in the reception lobby.

The food pantry on campus distributes more than 800 pounds of food a month. Some of the food collected during the campaign will stay and help fill the campus pantry.

Items most requested from the Manchester on-campus pantry include granola bars; fruit juice; canned vegetables, with pop-tops

if possible; canned meats, tuna and chicken, with pop tops. if possible; canned fruits, with pop-tops if possible; microwaveable foods, such as macaroni and cheese; popcorn, fruit snacks, shampoo and conditioner, body soap and laundry pods.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

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OBITUARIES

Teizo Matthew Fox

Teizo Matthew Fox, 41, of Lagro, Indiana, tragically passed away at 12:41 am, Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021. He was born on Jan. 4, 1980, in Lexington Park, Maryland, to Hope Milburn. He spent his youth traveling the world as a military child with his adoptive parents, James C. and Shirley (Biscoe) Fox.

On Oct. 10, 2020, Teizo stopped traveling and married Samantha Walton at their home in Lagro. Teizo cooked a lot, fished a lot, and loved clowns, freakishly a lot, which brings us to Halloween. It was not uncommon to find him roaming the neighborhood dressed as a clown the entire month of October scaring people. He loved life, and he made you love life. He camped in his own backyard, he listened to music, had bonfires, and puttered around in that yard endlessly. Teizo also loved kayaking and started the Wabash River Warriors Kayak group on Facebook. He never met a kayak or a person he did not like, or that did not like him.

Teizo moved to Lagro, four short years ago, and in that time became a loved member of Samantha’s family and the community. If you needed it done he would do it. The loss of such a beautiful soul reminds us that we should never miss the opportunity to tell people we love them. If Teizo could write this he would tell you, life is precious, hug a little longer, laugh much more, kiss your wife, whistle at the neighbor, have a beer ... with anyone, and eat the Little Debbie whenever you can. Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, to help with expenses.

Sadly he left behind Taylen Fox, Jayden Fox, and Nyla Fox, from a previous marriage.



He and Samantha had Lincoln M. Fox and stepdaughter Bailey Wilbanks, all of which were loved more than they know. He is also survived by his biological mother Hope Milburn, adoptive father and step mother, James (Lula) Fox, Sr., sisters and brothers, Cathy (Tommy) Norris, Angela Hubbard, Yvette Pollock, Sherlane (Calvin) Briscoe, Misty (Kurt) Sollberger, Johnny C. Moody, James (Letesse, Red) Fox Jr., and Lorenzo Spicer, and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his adoptive mother, Shirley Fox, sister, Cherrie Speck, sister-in-law, Becky Moody, and maternal grandparents, Frederick and Lillian Milburn.

Funeral services will be 7:00 pm, Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with John the officiating. Friends may call 4-7 pm Thursday, at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, to help with expenses.

The memorial guest book for Teizo may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Brett Tracy

March 22, 1962 – Oct. 22, 2021

Brett Tracy, 59, South Whitley, died Oct. 22, 2021. Brett was born on March 22, 1962 in Warsaw to Arthur Russell and Edna (Coldren) Tracy.

Surviving is his wife, Dawn Tracy; daughter, Daisha (Brian Sauerhage) Kilander; brothers, Larry (Joan) Tracy, and Richard (Ann) Tracy; sisters, Patricia Allen, Shelly (Tracy) Gilliland, Debbie Tracy, and

Carol (Fred) Haw; and two grandchildren.

Visitation Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 S.R. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services begin Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. with calling at 10:00 at McKee Mortuary.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Kenyon ‘Ken’ Lybarger

Kenyon “Ken” Lybarger, 68, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away Oct. 13, 2021.

The memory of Ken Lybarger will be cherished by parents, Lindy and Norma Lybarger; wife, Diana Lybarger; son, Loren (Mary (Sonne)) Lybarger ; brothers, Todd (Amy) Lybarger, and Mark (Kelly) Lybarger; sister, Cindy (Bill) Ogden;

grandchildren, Kenyon M. and Jennifer I. Lybarger.

Calling Oct. 30, 2021, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. A memorial celebration will begin at the conclusion of calling at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Edna Mae Holderman

Edna Mae Holderman, 69, formerly of Marion, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at Rolling Meadows Heath and Rehabilitation in LaFontaine.

Edna is survived by, sister-in-law, Anna Shields; brother-in-law, Tom Eakright; nephew, Phillip (Ashley) Eakright; niece, Tristina Surine; three grandchildren, Kaleb Bell, Julian Bell

and Jacob Bell and several great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation.

McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940, have been trusted with Edna Holderman’s final arrangements.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Katherine R. Taylor

Katherine R. Taylor, 71, a lifetime resident of LaFontaine, passed away at 3:43 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940, with Pastor Brad Wright officiating.

Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at the funeral home.

McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940, have been trusted with Katherine Taylor’s final arrangements.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Justin Cody Sturgill

Justin Cody Sturgill, 28, a lifetime resident of Wabash, passed away at 11:21 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, from injuries in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Visitation for family and

friends will be three hours prior to services, starting at 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home.

McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana, 46992, have been trusted with Justin Sturgill’s final arrangements.

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Bowen Center receives a \$3.9M grant

Award serves to expand access to mental health and substance use treatment

STAFF REPORT

The Bowen Center received a \$3.9 million grant to increase mental healthcare, case management and addiction recovery treatment, according to public relations and marketing manager Claudia Johnson.

The grant will help augment Bowen Center’s HIPAA compliant telehealth capabilities, recruit mental healthcare professionals and provide additional training and support for staff on behavioral health disparities including cultural and linguistic competence to further assist diverse patient populations.

The grant will also facilitate expanded health care service outreach, which may include a mobile clinic initiative, to rural and vulnerable groups including Amish, Burmese and elderly populations and individuals living in economically disadvantaged communities.

Finally, the grant will help expand resources to further address the mental health needs of Bowen Center staff which may have arisen as a result of the pandemic.

“We were thrilled when we got word of the award which will allow us to more thor-



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oughly reach underserved populations in our communities,” said Bowen Center vice president of healthcare integration Shannon Hannon. “There is an urgent need now more than any other time to ensure emotional healthcare is accessible to all and this grant will allow us to focus on some of the most vulnerable among us.”

The Center was one of 231 Community Mental Health Centers across the United States to receive grant funding as a part of the commitment made by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to invest \$825 million in Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) to support and expand access to mental health and behavioral support for Americans as they continue to confront the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We know vulnerable populations and minorities are over-represented in the statistics looking at mental illness,” said Bowen Center senior vice president of operations Dr. Robert Ryan. “Research suggests this is due to poverty, lack of resources, and mistrust of institutions. We wanted to find dollars that allowed us to address these disparities

knowledge to help communities solve their problems. These hard-working and vibrant communities don’t need a handout they just need the resources to help themselves. This grant will allow that to happen.”

CMHCs are community-based facilities or groups of facilities that provide prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation mental health services. The grant program will enable CMHCs like Bowen Center to more effectively address the needs of individuals who have a serious emotional disturbance (SED) or serious mental illness (SMI), as well as individuals with SED or SMI and substance use disorders, referred to as a co-occurring disorder (COD).

According to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), from August 2020 through February 2021, the percentage of adults with recent symptoms of anxiety or a depressive disorder increased from 36.4 percent to 41.5 percent, and the percentage of those reporting unmet mental health care needs increased from 9.2 percent to 11.7 percent.

Bowen Center vice president of human resources

Mary Gerard said that part of the grant will help the Center attract mental healthcare professionals.

“Finding providers that come from the communities, who understand the culture, speak the language and grasp exactly how the healthcare delivery should look and feel is critical. It requires some out-of-the-box thinking to really focus on how we can best meet people where they are,” said Gerard.

Gerard said the grant dollars will provide the means for Bowen Center to seek out quality providers, recruit, onboard and train them.

“We will be looking for unique ways to reach people who have transportation issues including a simplified video interface and remote patient access,” said Gerard.

Ryan said providing greater access to emotional healthcare for patients and broader supports for staff will help address the extraordinary effects the pandemic will have for years to come medically, emotionally, socially and economically.

“It’s clear COVID has taken its toll on all of us,” said Ryan. “Improving access to emotional healthcare and substance use treatment for as many Hoosiers possible, especially those with limited access, will improve outcomes and help people live their best lives. We could not be more ready and able to meet the need.”

For more information, visit BowenCenter.org or SAMHSA.gov.

More than 1,600 donated coats delivered to Afghan refugees

EDINBURGH (AP) — More than 1,600 coats donated by the Salvation Army have been delivered to Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana as part of the effort to provide warm clothing and other essential items to Afghan refugees.

Soldiers from the Indiana National Guard collected and delivered the coats Friday from an armory designated as a collection site for donations to Operation Allies Welcome, the name of the evacuee mission.

Several thousand evacu-

ees remain housed temporarily at Camp Atterbury in Johnson County. Nearly half of them are children under the age of 14.

The donated coats were collected as part of The Salvation Army’s annual Coats for Kids campaign.

Camp Atterbury, about 25 miles south of Indianapolis, is one of eight sites in the U.S. that the Department of Defense is using for Afghan special immigrant visa applicants, their families, and other Afghan personnel.

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Self-identified believers versus true believers

When political scientists and pollsters discuss faith and politics, one of their biggest challenges is separating the true believers from those who merely say they are believers.

Terry Mattingly



“Lots of people say they’re football fans and they like to watch games on television,” said Green. “Then there are the people who buy jerseys and get decked out in their team colors. They never miss a home game and everything that goes with that. You can just look at them and know that they’re really FOOTBALL FANS.”

In terms of faith and politics, oceans of ink have been spilled describing the beliefs and goals of evangelical Protestants, Catholics and members of other religious groups, he said. The problem is that there are “self-identified” evangelicals and then there are truly faithful evangelical Christians. There are plenty of people who tell pollsters they attend worship services every week and that their faith shapes their lives. Then there are those who truly walk that talk.

“All religious communities have lots of highly committed people, and all religious communities have their share of marginal members whose faith isn’t all that active,” said Green. For pollsters, the challenge is asking questions that help draw lines between “self-identified believers and those who are truly ac-

tive” in their faith groups, he added. The American Bible Society, in its “State of the Bible” surveys, has tried to document ways in which beliefs about the Bible, and personal interactions with scripture, separate “practicing Christians” from “self-identified Christians.” This matters, in part, because religious groups containing a high percentage of committed believers usually maintain their members, or even make converts, while other groups struggle to survive.

The ABS began studying these kinds of issues as early as 1812. The most recent ABS survey was completed last January, with data collected from 3,354 online interviews with adults in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

In this survey, a “practicing Christian” was defined as someone who “identifies as a Christian, attends a religious service at least once a month” and states that “faith is very important” in his or her life. Thus, said the report, practicing the faith affected their lives “in a transformative way.” Meanwhile, “self-identified Christians” were those who “simply say they believe.” According to this study, in America:

- Evangelical churches include 58 percent “practicing Christians” and 42 percent who are “self-identified.”
- Historically Black churches – evangelical, Pentecostal and “mainline” combined – are 31 percent “practicing” and 69 percent “self-identified” Christians.
- America’s more liberal “mainline” churches – many of which still contain significant numbers of evangelicals – include 28 percent “practicing” Christians and 72 percent “self-identified.”
- U.S. Catholic parishes are made up of 22 percent “practicing”

and 78 percent “self-identified” Christians. This survey found that 67 percent of the “practicing Christians” were what the researchers called “Scripture engaged” believers – those who were most likely to “interact with the Bible regularly” while seeking to let biblical principles “influence their relationships with God and others.” The religious groups with the highest numbers for weekly Bible reading were evangelicals (93 percent), historically Black Protestants (87 percent) and mainline Protestants (80 percent). “Practicing Christians” were highly likely, the study noted, to say that they believe the Bible is the “actual word of God and should be taken literally, word for word” or the “inspired word of God and has no errors although some verses are meant to be symbolic rather than literal.” Those less active in religious groups tended to say the Bible was “not inspired by God but tells how the writers of the Bible understood the ways and principles of God” or that it’s “just another book of teachings written by people that contains stories and advice.” Defining “religious commitment” in strictly biblical terms is a “very Protestant way to look at these issues,” said Green, and may miss the importance of worship and sacraments in ancient, liturgical Christian traditions. However, it’s true that commitment to scriptures and doctrines is almost always linked to the practice of a faith. “It’s pretty logical,” he added. “If you really believe something, then you tend to show up in a pew.” Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

Tragedy in the U.K.

‘Alta was alive and breathed on her own for 90 minutes after her breathing tube was removed,’ – Rabbi Elisha Greenbaum said, stating the key fact as clearly as can be.

Kathryn Lopez



The United Kingdom wanted 2-year-old Alta Fixsler dead. The powers-that-be may not have put it that baldly, but they decided to end her life. A severely disabled Hasidic girl, Fixsler’s parents wanted to bring her to Israel. There were offers from U.S. and Israeli hospitals to try experimental treatments. But the medical establishment and the judiciary decided they knew best. “According to Jewish law, everyone has the right to hydration, nutrition and respiration, and the removal of that breathing tube was tantamount to murder, Rabbi Greenbaum said. “I can accept that others might have different views, yet how could contemporary society not reciprocally respect another perspective on what constituted Alta’s best interest?”

And this is exactly the problem. We are living at a time that claims to be tolerant, but only of the views that are trending.

A friend recently told me about an abortion in her family. The doctor advised it because the baby had many problems and was expected to die right away. But who are we to say that shouldn’t happen naturally? Let the parents hold their child in their arms, if only for hours or minutes. The baby already is and always will be a part of their lives. It’s a fear of suffering and sacrifice that makes abortion and physician-assisted suicide palatable, maybe even desirable. It’s economics and ideology that drives a hospital and a court to decide – to insist – that a child be killed against the wishes of her parents. Alta was treated worse than we treat hardened criminals.

What was just done to Alta is a grave sin according to the Jewish law by which Abraham and Chaya Fixsler, Alta’s parents, live their lives. By what authority does a court or a doctor negate their religious freedom and Alta’s right to life? A judge reasoned that we don’t actually know if Alta would

agree with the way the Fixslers chose to keep her alive. What nonsense. Every day of Alta’s life was a gift to her parents – but a waste of space and money to a leading Western government. That should send chills down our spines. There was some intervention to try to help get the family to the United States or Israel – including by New York Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer. There was a private charter offer. But Alta was a prisoner. Her parents were depicted as some kind of delusional monsters for hoping for healing, and at the very least desiring to let her die in Israel (both parents are Israeli citizens).

In 1995, Pope John Paul II wrote: “(T)here exists in contemporary culture a certain Promethean attitude which leads people to think that they can control life and death by taking the decisions about them into their own hands. What really happens in this case is that the individual is overcome and crushed by a death deprived of any prospect of meaning or hope. We see a tragic expression of all this in the spread of euthanasia – disguised and surreptitious, or practiced openly and even legally. As well as for reasons of a misguided pity at the sight of the patient’s suffering, euthanasia is sometimes justified by the utilitarian motive of avoiding costs ... Thus it is proposed to eliminate malformed babies, the severely handicapped, the disabled, the elderly, especially when they are not self-sufficient, and the terminally ill.”

Rabbi Greenbaum would no doubt agree. Those of us who pray ought to pray for Abraham and Chaya Fixsler. What a hole must be in their hearts. Alta Fixsler shouldn’t have died as she did. There is a ghouliness to it that should make us ponder what kind of bloodlust lies behind our Western outlook on life. We see life as discardable when it’s not convenient. That’s evil, and we need to fight it. Kathryn Jean Lopez is senior fellow at the National Review Institute, editor-at-large of National Review magazine and author of the new book “A Year With the Mystics: Visionary Wisdom for Daily Living.” She is also chair of Cardinal Dolan’s pro-life commission in New York. She can be contacted at klopez@nationalreview.com.

IN BRIEF

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold November meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the Americans (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Ac-

tivity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave., according to regent Barbara Amiss. The program will be about the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend.

DAR membership is open to

any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

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County runners shut out at semi-state

By ROY CHURCH

Five cross country runners from Wabash County competed Saturday in semi-state races at Huntington University and New Prairie High School. Unfortunately, none made it through to the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) State Finals.

The best finish of the day was by Manchester freshman Kadence Fox at the New Prairie event. She took 56th place in 20:49.3 and was the fifth freshman across the finish line. Fox qualified as an individual out of the Culver Academies regional.

The winner from the Culver event was Hannah Moore, a Northwestern sophomore. She was sixth Saturday at 19:18.6.

No. 8-ranked Chesterton won the girls team title over No. 17 Warsaw, the Culver champion. No. 10 Valparaiso was third, No. 24 LaPorte was fourth, West Lafayette was fifth and Harrison (West

Lafayette) was sixth.

On the boys side at New Prairie, Manchester junior Raven King was 88th in 17:46.6 and senior Cade Jones was 134th in 18:20.8 over the 5K course.

Culver Academies senior Sam Tullis, the regional champion, also was sixth at the semi-state in 16:25.9.

No. 19 Valparaiso won the boys event. Chesterton was runner-up, No. 22 LaPorte was third, Morgan Township was fourth, No. 23 Warsaw, the Culver regional champ, was fifth and Crown Point was sixth. The top six teams from each semi-state advance to the IHSAA State Finals this coming Saturday.

“I was very proud of our three qualifiers,” Manchester Head Coach Jody Sarber said. “Raven, Cade and Kadence all had strong races and competed well against the TRC competition in the same race.”

“Raven and Kadence gained valuable experience for what we hope will be a return (and maybe with a

team) next year.”

At the New Haven Semi-State, held on the Huntington University course, Wabash sophomore Kaden Vogel and freshman Jace Bullins finished 80th and 123rd, respectively.

Vogel, whose brother, Dereck, went to State Finals as a junior and senior, and whose sister, Kaitlan Lloyd, is the Wabash girls coach, finished in 17:34.8. Bullins, in his first semi-state appearance, came in in 18:02.4.

“The fact that Kaden and Jace made it this far is no accident,” Wabash High School (WHS) head coach Ryan Evans said. “They both are extremely hard workers and take training seriously. This, plus all the little things, add up to their season accomplishments.”

“I’m lucky to get to coach Kaden for two more years and Jace for three more. Even though their season is over, there are bigger things for them in the upcoming years.

Izaiah Steury, a senior

from Angola, defended his semi-state title, winning in 15:09.2. He is also the defending state champion.

Bellmont’s Deion Guise, the Marion Regional champion, finished sixth in 15:55.6.

No. 4 Hamilton Southeastern won the New Haven boys title, followed by No. 3 Fishers, No. 7 Northridge, No. 6 Goshen, Carroll (Fort Wayne) and No. 25 Penn.

Bellmont, the Marion Regional champion, was 17th; Oak Hill, the regional runner-up, was 11th; Huntington North was 14th, Fort Wayne Luers was 19th and Bluffton was 20th.

On the girls side, Addison Wiley of Huntington North, the Marion Regional individual winner, finished third Saturday in 18:36.1 behind the winner, Nicki Southerland of Delta (17:58.1).

No. 21 Fort Wayne Carroll won the semi-state crown, followed by No. 13 Homestead, No. 11 Hamilton Southeastern, No. 15 Penn, No. 18 East Noble and

Northridge.

Huntington North, the regional team champion, was 14th and runner-up Fort Wayne South Side was 12th at semi-state.

Southwood senior Braden Sweet was the only state qualifier from the county in 2020. He finished 30th, five places higher than he did the year before.

Elsewhere, top-ranked Columbus North had little trouble winning the Brown County Semi-State, scoring 45 points. No. 15 Bloomington North was runner-up with 129 points. No. 21 Floyd Central was third, No. 12 Northview was fourth, No. 14 Bloomington South was fifth and Austin was sixth.

Eighteen of the top 25 teams on Oct. 18 Indiana Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches poll are headed for the LaVern Gibson Championship Course in Terre Haute on Saturday.

Former Northfield standout Andy Keffaber is an assistant coach on the Colum-

bus North boys team, the defending state champion.

The No. 1-ranked Columbus North girls are also headed to the state finals after winning at Brown County.

At the Shelbyville Semi-State, Avon’s girls got the last spot going on to the state finals, finishing sixth. Former Wabash standout Mary (Cosby) Abramson and her daughter, Makayla, are assistant coaches for the Lady Orioles, who were ranked No. 19.

Ahead of them Saturday was No. 5 Carmel, No. 6 Noblesville, Franklin Central, No. 4 Westfield and No. 2 North Central. They did, however, beat No. 9-ranked Zionsville by three points.

Clare Eikenberry, a sophomore on the North Central that made it to state, is the daughter of Mike Eikenberry, a WHS graduate. He is the son of former WHS principal Steve Eikenberry.

“They are a strong and deep team,” Mary Abramson said.



Photo by Alina Reed / Plain Dealer

Manchester’s Eva Bazzoni keeps the ball from Southwood’s Ella Hauptert during this January game.

Kauffman, fast-paced offense leading Squires’ girls basketball

Manchester made it to last year’s sectional title game before falling to Rochester

By CLAY MAXFIELD
Wabash Plain Dealer
Freelance Reporter

Under the helm of newly appointed head coach, Alison Kauffman, Manchester’s varsity girls basketball team is eager to build on their previous 12-13 record from last year, a year in which the Squires made it to the sectional championship game before falling to Rochester, 45-37.

Kauffman acted as the Squires’ junior varsity coach last season while operating as the varsity head coach at Lakeland Christian from 2016 through the 2020 season.

With a full summer and preseason to work with her team, Kauffman credited her team’s focus on the defensive side of the ball.

“Defensively, our team is going to look to really improve this season over last year,” Kauffman said. “This

summer, we really worked on our man-to-man defense, our communication and our overall aggressiveness.”

“Offensively, I think a lot of girls just put in a lot of work to be a threat from outside too.”

During the 2020 season, the Squires gave up nearly 50 points a game defensively while averaging 47 points on offense.

Eva Bazzoni (14.8 ppg) and Emma Garriott (8.8 ppg) served as Manchester’s main contributors on offense but since graduation, the Squires will look to current seniors Keilan Creager and Ainsley West to lead their backcourt as well as Brookelynn Buzzard.

The Squires will have to wait for their leading scorer from a season ago in Makenzey Meyer to return from injury but Kauffman notes that Meyer’s off-the-court leadership as well as ability to crash the board will give

Manchester an added boost when the time comes.

Meyer averaged 7.1 points per game while pulling down six rebounds in each contest.

While the Squires will be primarily made up of upperclassmen, Kauffman credited her freshmen and sophomore class for the work they have put in throughout the summer.

“Our younger girls have shown a lot of growth this summer. ... I think our sophomore and incoming freshmen class have really put the work in to improve some of their skills.”

The move from JV to varsity for Kauffman has been a seamless one with her coaching experience combined with familiarity with the roster.

“I’m super excited that I got the opportunity to work with them last year. I was able to build relationships with some of these girls and already having that base is exciting. For me, it’s an easy transition and it’s helpful going into this year and

knowing the girls,” she said.

The Squires started their 2020 season off rocky with a four-game losing streak before bouncing back with five wins in a row. This season, Manchester will look to hit the ground running with home games to kick off their regular season on Wednesday, Nov. 3 and Friday, Nov. 5 against Wawasee and Triton, respectively.

Olivia Neal and Aliala Atienza will serve as other key contributors for the Squires in an offense that Kauffman envisions to be one that will get up and down the floor based on their defense creating turnovers and fast-break offense.

“We definitely will look to score out of transition,” Kauffman said. “We want to really key in on defense and being super aggressive and then pushing it up the court. We’re going to look to do a lot of five out, look to attack and kick off that dribble.”

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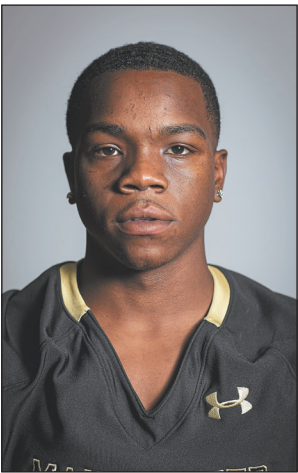
MU’s Gurley named HCAC Special Teams Player of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) has named Manchester’s Carmelo Gurley as its Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday, Oct. 25.

Gurley, from Birmingham, Alabama, and Gardendale High School, accounted for one of Manchester’s scores against Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on Saturday afternoon. Gurley returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown. He finished with 128 return yards, averaging 42.7 yards per return.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



Provided photo

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SCOREBOARD

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	203	98
New England	3	4	0	.429	179	140
N.Y. Jets	1	5	0	.167	80	175
Miami	1	6	0	.143	127	207

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	193	164
Indianapolis	3	4	0	.429	169	149
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	116	172
Houston	1	6	0	.143	97	203

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	164
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	189	128
Cleveland	4	3	0	.571	173	165
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	117	132

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	166
L.A. Chargers	4	2	0	.667	148	150
Denver	3	4	0	.429	140	127
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	188	203

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	205	146
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0	.286	139	180
Philadelphia	2	5	0	.286	159	185
Washington	2	5	0	.286	146	210

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	1	0	.857	233	147
New Orleans	4	2	0	.667	140	101
Atlanta	3	3	0	.500	135	176
Carolina	3	4	0	.429	146	146

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	168	146
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	147	137
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	151	162
Detroit	0	7	0	.000	128	200

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	0	0	1.000	225	114
L.A. Rams	6	1	0	.857	207	146
San Francisco	2	4	0	.333	135	149
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	150	162

Thursday’s Game
Cleveland 17, Denver 14

Sunday’s Games
Atlanta 30, Miami 28
Cincinnati 41, Baltimore 17
Green Bay 24, Washington 10
N.Y. Giants 25, Carolina 3
New England 54, N.Y. Jets 13
Tennessee 27, Kansas City 3
L.A. Rams 28, Detroit 19
Las Vegas 33, Philadelphia 22
Arizona 31, Houston 5
Tampa Bay 38, Chicago 3
Indianapolis 30, San Francisco 18
Open: Buffalo, Jacksonville, L.A. Chargers, Pittsburgh, Dallas, Minnesota

Monday’s Game
New Orleans 13, Seattle 10

Thursday, Oct. 28
Green Bay at Arizona, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Houston, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Phila. at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
New England at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore, Las Vegas

Monday, Nov. 1
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
AP Top 25 Schedule Thursday’s Game	
Saturday’s Games	
No. 24 Coastal Carolina vs. Troy, 7:30 p.m.	
No. 1 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., 3:30 p.m.	
No. 2 Cincinnati at Tulane, Noon	
No. 4 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m.	
No. 5 Ohio St. vs. No. 20 Penn St., 7:30 p.m.	
No. 6 Michigan at No. 8 Michigan St., Noon	
No. 7 Oregon vs. Colorado, 3:30 p.m.	
No. 9 Iowa at Wisconsin, Noon	
No. 10 Mississippi at No. 18 Auburn, 7 p.m.	
No. 11 Notre Dame vs. UNC, 7:30 p.m.	
No. 12 Kentucky at Mississippi St., 7 p.m.	
No. 13 Wake Forest vs. Duke, 4 p.m.	
No. 15 Oklahoma St. vs. Kansas, 7 p.m.	
No. 16 Baylor vs. Texas, Noon	
No. 17 Pittsburgh vs. Miami, Noon	
No. 19 SMU at Houston, 7 p.m.	
No. 21 SDSU vs. Fresno St., 10:30 p.m.	
No. 22 Iowa St. at West Virginia, 2 p.m.	
No. 25 BYU vs. Virginia, 10:15 p.m.	

MLB	
WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)	
Tuesday, Oct. 26: Atlanta (Morton 14-6) at Houston (Valdez 11-6)	
Wednesday, Oct. 27: Atlanta at Houston, 8:09 p.m. (Fox)	
Friday, Oct. 29: Houston at Atlanta, 8:09 p.m. (Fox)	
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Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.	
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Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.	
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.	
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.	
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.	

Infidelity continues to rock teetering marriage

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 25 years. He has recently started running around with his buddies and partying. He hardly has time for me anymore. I found out he had cheated on me, not once but several times, with different women. I was devastated, so I left for a while, but I decided to try to work things out.

Dear Abby



During the time I was gone, I ended up cheating as well. I'm sorry for it, but I developed some very real feelings for someone. I haven't seen him in two years, but I still feel myself wanting him and wanting to be with him. I love my husband, and we are working things out, but I don't know what to do. I feel like I'm in love with both of them. I still talk to the other person via text, but we don't go any further. — Distressed In Ohio

DEAR DISTRESSED: You may BE in love with both of them, but you made a commitment to work things out with your husband. If you are sincere about it, you will have to disengage fully from the man you cheated with and concentrate on your marriage. If you are not sure you can do that, marital counseling may help you decide what your next step should be. But a word of warning: The grass is not always greener once you have jumped the fence.

DEAR ABBY: I was at a bar a few weekends ago and met a handsome stranger who seemed slightly familiar. His name sounded like I had heard it before. We talked for hours, and it felt like we had known each other forever. He walked me back to my apartment, and we shared a kiss on my doorstep. The next morning, I made a horrifying discovery: He's my second cousin! We hadn't seen each other in more than 20 years. When I gave him the news, he told me he still wanted to try for a relationship. I'm confused about what to do and how to feel. Please help. — Kissing Cousin In Maine

DEAR COUSIN: Marriage between second cousins is legal in every state. If you like this man, and it appears you do, let the relationship play out and see where it leads. If you are worried about possible genetic complications, they should be discussed with your physician (and his). Genetic testing should put your concerns to rest.

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my boyfriend for four years. He talks about marrying me and has even given me an "engagement" ring. The problem is, whenever I ask him about setting a wedding date, he seems annoyed, like I'm trying to pressure him into marrying me. He gave me the ring almost three years ago. Should I end this relationship if we can't get on the same page? — Engaged In North Carolina

DEAR ENGAGED: You need to get to the bottom of why he is reluctant. If he's worried about the expense or uncomfortable about the hoopla of a big wedding, you could agree to have a small courthouse ceremony. However, unless your boyfriend (notice I didn't use the word "fiance") can come up with a solid reason for not being ready to follow through on his marriage proposal, ending the engagement is exactly what you should do, because the ring you're wearing is nothing more than a "promise" ring.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Beard site
- 4 Actress Sedgwick
- 8 Prayer wheel turner
- 12 Made in the —
- 13 Winged god
- 14 "Excuse me!"
- 15 Wire measure
- 16 Moving upward
- 18 Song of triumph
- 20 Call in sick
- 21 Playful activity
- 23 Grant
- 26 Public meeting places
- 29 Press for
- 32 Gives the go-ahead
- 34 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
- 35 Sully
- 36 Strive to win
- 37 Attach
- 38 Casual farewell
- 39 Mailed out
- 40 Golf peg
- 41 Library sound

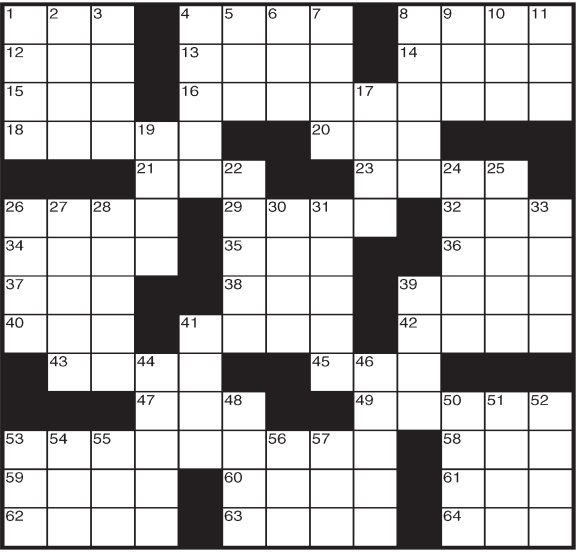
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- 3 Corduroy rib
- 4 Reeves of "John Wick"
- 5 Soph. and jr.
- 6 "Arabian Nights" bird

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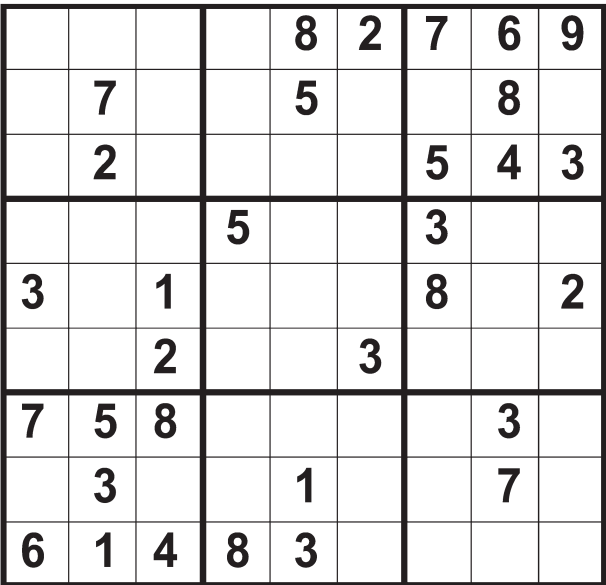


- 7 Between ports
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- 9 Triumphant cry
- 10 Adult persons
- 11 Oz. or lb.
- 17 Good-natured
- 19 From a distance
- 22 Gives Novocain
- 24 Delaware's capital
- 25 Barely scraping by
- 26 Edict
- 27 Limerick writer — Nash
- 28 Cowboy show
- 30 Starfish arms
- 31 Ms. Garbo
- 33 TV receivers
- 39 Carnaby St. locale
- 41 Sassy
- 44 Grimy
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- 48 Be without
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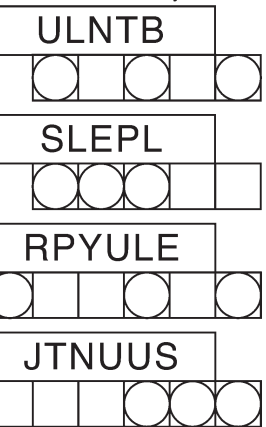
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8	4	3	5	6	1	7	2	9
7	5	9	3	2	8	6	1	4
9	3	1	6	5	4	2	8	7
5	8	7	9	1	2	4	3	6
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Saturday's Jumbles: WAGER FETCH DILUTE CANCAN Answer: The vampire was willing to pay more for dentures that were — NEWFANGLED

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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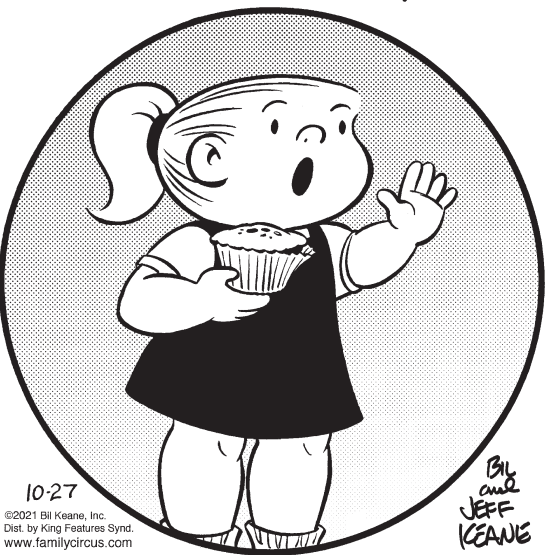


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By Bil Keane

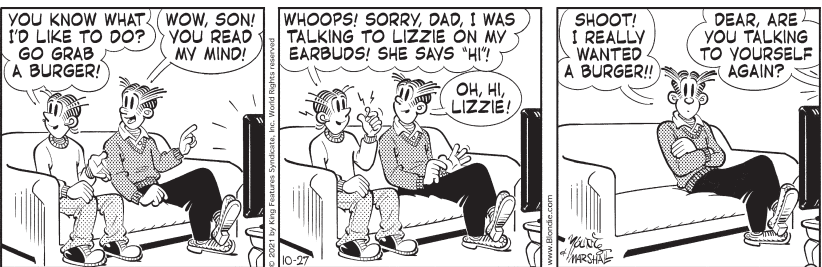


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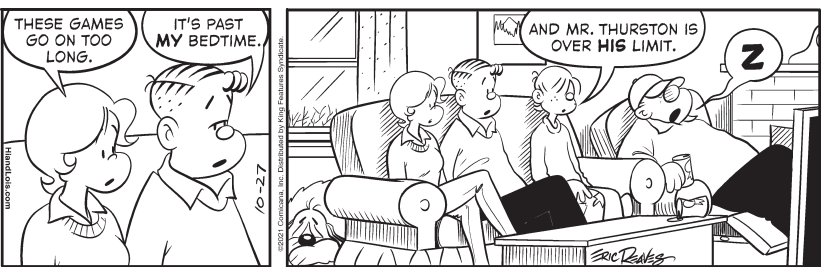
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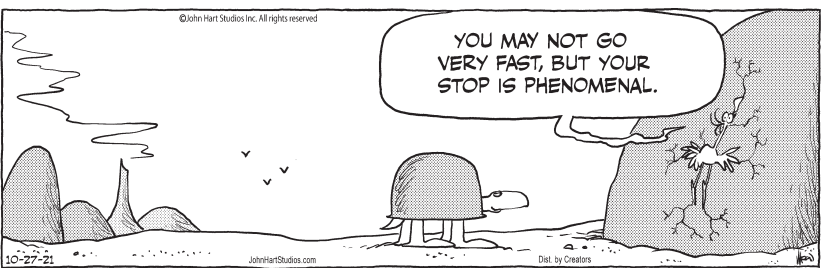
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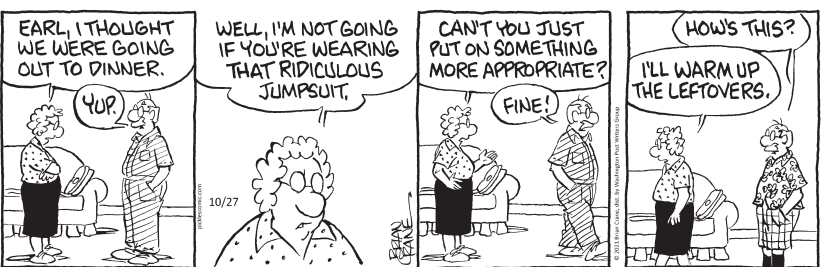
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PICKLES



Jesus is the hinge on the door of history

Q: My college assignment is to debate a fellow student about the impact of Jesus' life when he lived on Earth — without using the Bible. She claims that Jesus only impacts those who are weak and need religion. Is it true that the calendar is based on the life of Jesus? — M.T.

A: We face a dark time in the history. The forces of evil seem to be gathering for a colossal assault on the Word of God. To set the Bible aside is to disregard the very beginning of time. Journalist Kenneth Woodward wrote, "The centuries themselves are measured from the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. At the end of [1999], calendars in India and China, like those in Europe, America and the Middle East, will register the dawn of the third

millennium ... the birth of Jesus... number(s) the days for Christians and non-Christians alike. For Christians, Jesus is the hinge on which the door of history swings, the point at which eternity intersects with time, the Savior who redeems time by drawing all things to himself. As the second millennium draws to a close, nearly a third of the world's population claims to be his followers."

From the history of music comes the story of Handel's "Messiah." When the oratorio was first performed in

1742, a member of the audience expressed gratitude to Handel for "producing such a wonderful piece of entertainment." "Entertainment!" Handel replied. "My purpose was not to entertain, but to teach them [something]." For centuries now, Handel's message has resonated in hearts, combining Job 19 and 1 Corinthians 15 to proclaim, "I know that my Redeemer liveth ... for now is Christ risen from the dead."

God has given a message not only for past times and this time, but for all time.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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EPLPEPYC ZTIZNT." — GIUY JNTTVT

Previous Solution: "I knew we were having problems when you put those piranhas in my bathtub again." — "Weird Al" Yankovic
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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.1 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

James 1:17-18

Climate secrets: Leaked documents reveal rising stakes

There should be no surprise about leaked documents showing governments lobbying hard against clauses in an upcoming report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that they regard as detrimental to their interests. Ever since the start of the UN process aimed at preventing unchecked global heating (known as Cop, short for Conference of the Parties), countries have sought to protect their own industries, economies and people – particularly the fossil fuel businesses that have powered capitalist development since the Industrial Revolution.

Last time the nations met, in Madrid in 2019, progress was scuppered by a wall of resistance with President Trump perched on top. The hope was that with Trump gone, and a US administration in place that recognises the need for action, such blockages could be overcome. This remains the aim in the run-up to the conference opening in Glasgow next week-end. Given the warnings from scientists, who are unequivocal about the dangers, there is no rational alternative than to persist with the attempt at global climate governance that the Cop represents. As the British Treasury acknowledged in a review published this week, the cost of inaction will be higher than the cost of action.

But there is no denying the scale of the challenge, which is colossal. The leaked documents show that Saudi Arabia, Japan and Australia continue to oppose the IPCC's recommendations on the phasing-out of fossil fuels. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, whose members include Iraq and Nigeria, also made submissions aimed at watering down these sections. Brazil and Argentina, meanwhile, argued strongly against evidence that meat consumption must be reduced if the world is to have a chance of limiting temperature rises to 1.5C or even 2C. A submission from Argentina even claimed that meat-based diets could contribute to reducing emissions, which flies in the face of evidence about the big contribution to global heating made by livestock, and particularly cattle.

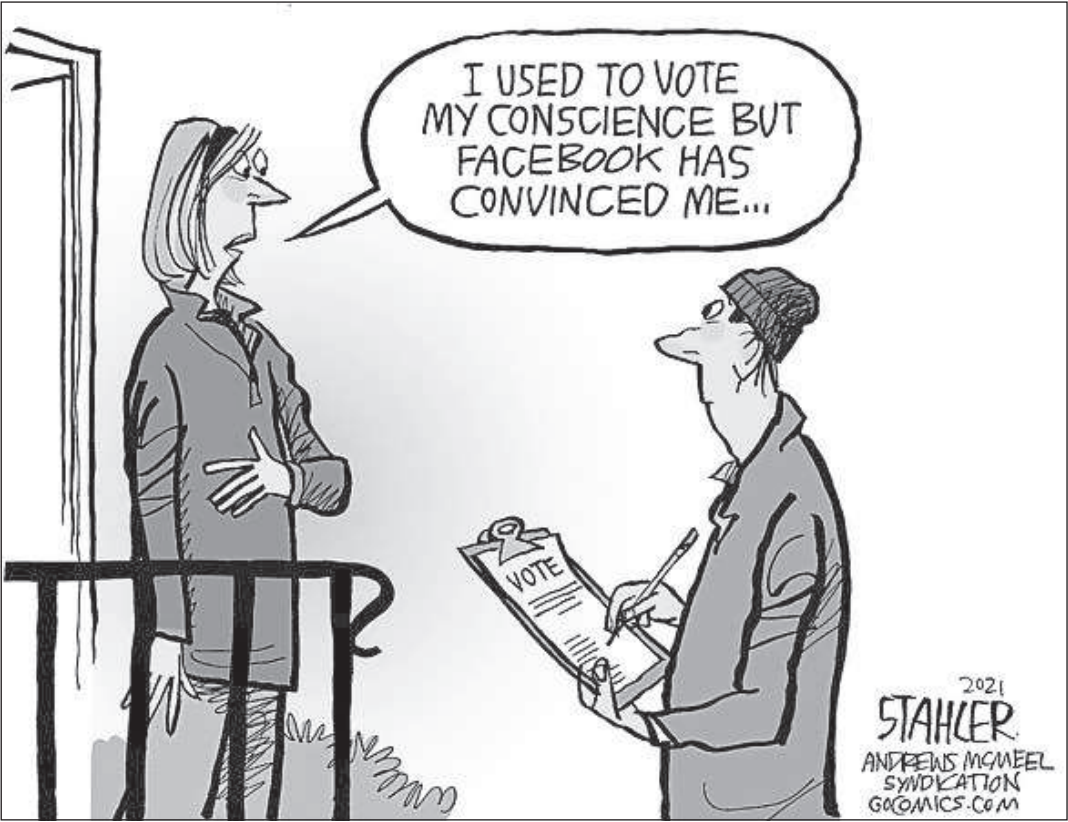
The IPCC process is robust and science-based. The serious concerns raised by the leaks are not because observers think that the panel's next report is likely to be substantially altered. The worry is more that the positions being taken by governments on crucial questions – such as Australia's objection to closing down coal-fired power plants – reveal a deeply alarming unwillingness by politicians to do what scientists say is needed.

This reluctance, which at times seems more akin to magical thinking than policymaking, is also in evidence in the UK. This week's publication of a

net zero strategy was a big step forward, but huge gaps remain. Some of these are down to missing details. The Climate Change Committee that advises the government has promised to provide some analysis. Other missing pieces are explicitly ideological. Ministers not only declined to include behavior change in the strategy, but removed a paper discussing the topic from the government website. When challenged on the decision to ignore advice on meat eating and aviation, the response was that there are "no plans whatsoever to dictate consumer behaviour."

In the run-up to Cop26, such language is the height of irresponsibility. The vast inequalities that divide rich countries from poor are being cruelly exacerbated by the climate crisis. UK ministers have been warned that cuts to foreign aid budgets have already jeopardized progress at this year's conference, by undermining the confidence of poorer nations. Most ordinary people in the UK, as in other countries, grasp that resource-depleting western lifestyles must change. Ministers in the UK, and all over the world, must stop trying to bury inconvenient truths. The pretense that carbon-intensive activity, whether by industries or individuals, can continue unimpeded must be buried in Glasgow once and for all.

This editorial was first published in The Guardian.



Deep worries about education and employment are still with us

Today's tight labor markets, which seem especially pronounced among low-wage jobs, have led to considerable speculation about the future of work. Of course, the labor market shocks of the pandemic set new records of unemployment, and the disease likely caused a million Americans to die early. It is natural that we should anticipate many long-term economic changes. However, the likelihood that the pandemic has radically altered the prospects for low-wage workers seems pretty modest.

It is true that pay and benefits for traditionally low-skilled jobs are rising, and likely to continue to increase over the coming months. This will be welcomed by many, but there's a catch. The new higher wages must be accompanied by higher productivity from these workers. These are markets; employers can only sustain higher labor costs if the workers are actually producing more value in the workplace. As this occurs, there'll be fewer jobs available in these occupations.

That dynamic is normal in a market economy. History is full of occupations that disappeared due to rising wages that were not matched by productivity growth. That's really the story of economic growth, captured well by Agatha Christie's quip, "I couldn't imagine being too poor to afford servants, or so rich as to be able to afford a car." It seems crazy today, but we should be at least considering what those extra workers might do to sustain

themselves and their families. Recent evidence gives us a hint about a return to existing trends.

Over the past 12 months, 44 percent of new jobs went to those with a college degree. This is remarkable because the bulk of pandemic job losses occurred in occupations with few college graduates. The big job losses were among front-line workers in retail, accommodations, and restaurants. Notably, the only category of workers to enjoy employment that is higher now than before the pandemic are those with a four-year degree or higher.

This post-pandemic recession trend simply continues a decades-long shift in the demand for workers. Over the past 30 years, more than 8 out of every 10 jobs created in the United States went to college graduates. The remaining 2 out of every 10 jobs went to adults who'd been to college, but didn't have a four-year degree. For the remaining workers – everyone with a high school diploma or less – there are actually fewer jobs today than 30 years ago.

That trend is too strong and based in far more fundamental economic conditions to be derailed by a pandemic. History offers some insight into this. From the dawn of time until the industrial revolution, the prime source of wealth was arable or mineable land. From the early 19th century until the late 20th century, wealth flowed to those who owned productive capital, such as factories. Today, wealth comes from knowledge, or what economists call human capital.

Human capital is a slippery thing to measure. Much of it comes from home, taught to us by parents. Some of it is intrinsic; it comes in

our genes, reflected in our intellect and mental health. This is why it is critical to choose your parents wisely – and, whether or not you chose the right mom and dad, the easiest way to improve your stock of human capital is through formal schooling.

That is why increased access to higher education is so important to individuals and to the nation as a whole. It is worth pausing here to note that Indiana is struggling with this. Relative to the nation, our educational attainment numbers fell during the long recovery from the Great Recession and worsened during COVID. We will start 2022 with three consecutive years of declining educational attainment of adults. It will be the worst stretch in the state's history.

I share these data this often, repeating as frequently as I can that a college degree is among the few gateways to an economically successful adulthood. But, I am often confronted with the question about skilled trades and the ready employment options they possess. This is a good question. Skilled trades can be a great option for many young men and women. They pay well and offer job security, satisfaction, good benefits and a pathway to business ownership.

I can hardly write enough good words about the future of many of these crafts. If I could invest money in a high school student pursuing a career as a plumber, electrician, masonry or carpentry, I'd do so. I also respect the grit and work ethic of those who do that work. I am hardly alone in expressing these sentiments, but there is an intractable problem in viewing trades as a remedy for our low rates of college

attendance.

Indiana has 38,020 masons, electricians, plumbers and carpenters, but in a typical year 39,000 Hoosier kids turn 19 with no plans to attend college. The trades are a good option for motivated, smart, hardworking kids, but these jobs will absorb only a tiny fraction of those Hoosier kids who don't go to college. This is precisely the same story nationwide; in fact this sort of belief is a formal logical fallacy taught in introductory economics course.

The fallacy of composition tells us that it is an error to think that because one young person can make a career in the trades, all can. This fallacy motivates far too much of our discussion about college and careers. We'd be far better off leaning heavily on the actual data about job creation and educational attainment, and give up the anecdotes about the trades.

Today, as employers struggle to fill vacant positions and face paying higher wages, we see the very conditions that prompt the dislocation of workers. We shouldn't fear it; indeed, we should call it by its proper name: economic growth. While we see some formerly low-wage workers benefitting from higher pay, we also must be ready to consider the many men and women affected by this recession.

I realize that today's tight labor markets make the concern about longer-term unemployment a distant worry. It should not be. We have yet to suffer through a recession that didn't deeply affect millions of workers. This one, the worst since the Great Depression, will ultimately prove no different.

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LETTERS

Nazi flag flying in Miami County is not welcome

While riding our bikes on the Nickel Plate Trail through Macy, my wife and I were shocked to see the property owners of a farm located in the 9000 block of North 100 West in Miami County flying a Nazi flag on their property. They were also flying an American flag. Anyone who thinks that they support Nazi ideals and philosophies, but also thinks they support American ideals and philosophies is incredibly ignorant. Anyone who doesn't know the atrocities that the Nazis committed or the hate that they represent is also incredibly ignorant. The Nazis were responsible for the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of 6 million Jewish men, women and children. The Nazis were a part of the Axis Powers that this country helped fight and defeat in World War II. Over 400,000 Hoosiers served in the military during the war and 13,370 Hoosiers were killed. Many of us have relatives that fought and helped defeat the Nazis in World War II. Nazis were a threat to this country then, they are a threat now, and they will always be a threat as long as they exist. To fly the Nazi flag in this country is un-American. It is equivalent to flying an ISIS flag or an Al-Qaeda flag and there should be consequences for anyone who chooses to do so. The consequences should not come from the government, but fellow American citizens. Anyone who supports Nazis in this country should be publicly shamed and shunned. We should refuse to do business with them, we should refuse to employ them, we should refuse to associate with them. If they act on any of their beliefs and violate any laws, then the consequences of their actions should come from our government. Until then, it is up to the people to let them know that they are not welcome in this country.

Mike Williams
Kokomo

The dairy industry is scarier than Halloween

You may have heard the phrase "dairy is scary." You may have even watched the YouTube video of the same name. Dairy is scary and an ingredient in nearly all the candy handed out to unsuspecting trick-or-treaters. Very few people know the truth about the industry.

Did you know that the dairy industry continuously impregnates cows to keep them lactating to produce milk meant for their calves; which is stolen for milk chocolate?

Did you know that the dairy industry feeds more than 250,000,000 dairy cows each year? Food that could be used to help end world hunger.

Did you know that the dairy industry creates pastures for dairy cows accounting for stripped forestland and wildlife habitats and that the digestive system of cows discharges methane and nitrous oxide, both contributors to global warming?

The dairy industry is more frightening than any Halloween nightmare.

But, there are dairy-free options. Supermarkets around the country offer a sweet selection of plant-based milks, chocolates, candy, ice creams and other treats – so you don't have to be tricked.

Eric C. Lindstrom
Executive Director, Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM)
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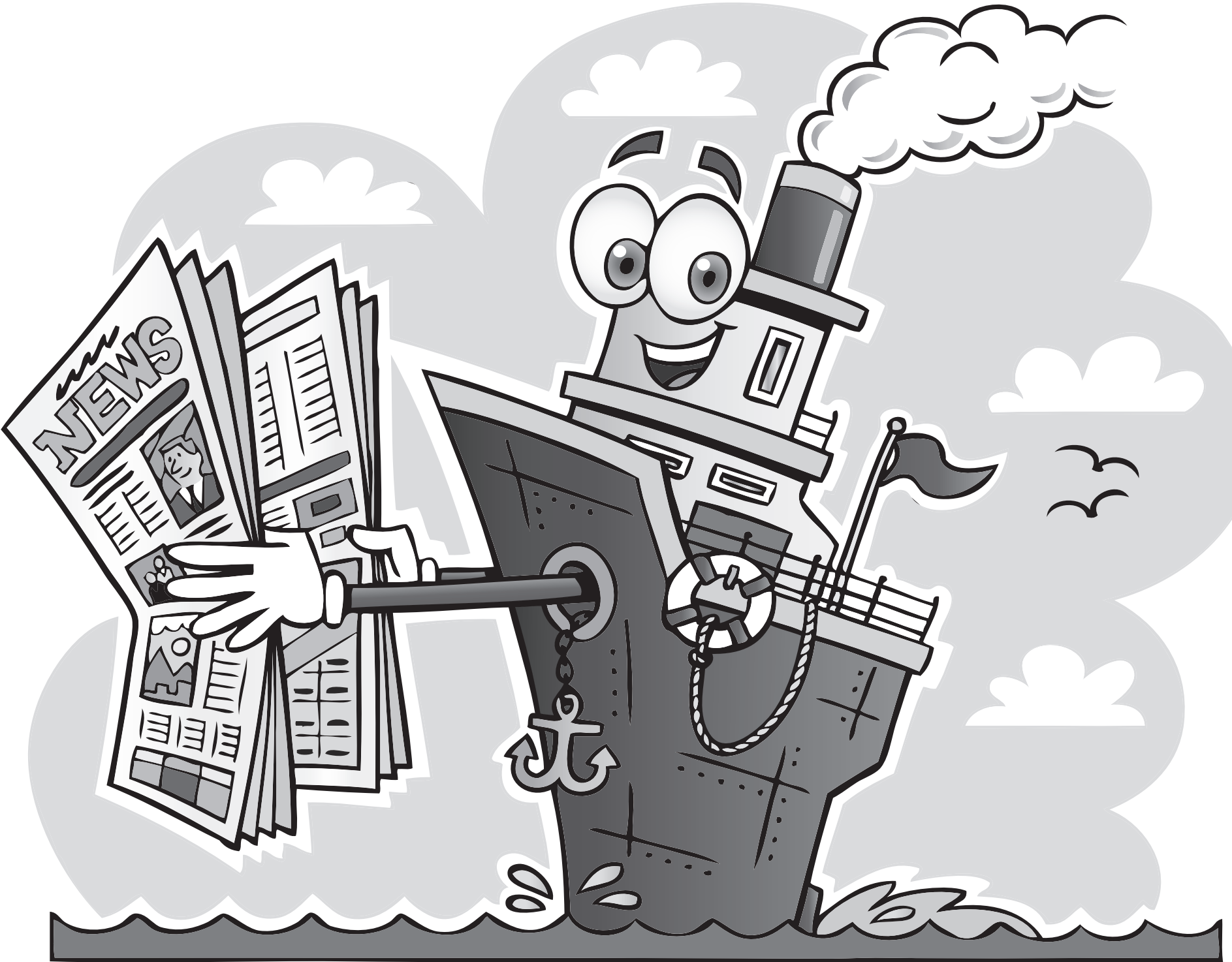
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2021 GWC Annual Dinner recognizes Wabash County’s best

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County was honored to join so many people from the community Thursday, Oct. 14 to celebrate a whole slate of incredible people and businesses that have helped Wabash County thrive in 2021, according to project manager for marketing and events Chelsea Boulrisse.

Following social hour in the Honeywell Center lobby and dinner in Legacy Hall, Jim Smith kicked things off as the master of ceremonies and talked about the pride he has long held when telling people he meets that he is from North Manchester, and in turn, Wabash County. Grow Wabash County Board Chair, Marilyn Custer-Mitchell, reflected on the year as well and how Grow Wabash County has continued to push forward with many big picture projects despite the challenges that 2021 has brought about. Following her remarks, Custer-Mitchell called upon the Grow Wabash County board members in attendance to convene its annual meeting and complete necessary business.

After the annual meeting of the Grow Wabash County Board of Directors was adjourned, Keith Gillenwater, President and CEO of Grow Wabash County, offered up remarks about some of the wins that Grow Wabash County and Wabash County as a whole has enjoyed throughout 2021.

“I’m so proud of our organization and our accomplish-

ments in the last few years since all of you entrusted our board, staff, and myself with the mission to grow a prosperous Wabash County,” Gillenwater said during his speech. “And it is that mission, to Grow Wabash County, that drives us every single day.”

As the 2021 Business of the Year, MPS Egg Farms and its team were the guests of honor, with much of the food paying tribute to the incredible amount of eggs that MPS Egg Farms produces and distributes on a daily basis. The company has a centuries-long history in Wabash County and a legacy of service that is continued today by the Krouse family.

Grow Wabash County also took the time to highlight key figures in the community that deserved recognition for the work and devotion they have given to the organization. Gillenwater presented the 2021 Volunteer of the Year award to Curt Campbell. Campbell has been a pillar in the Wabash County agriculture community, serving as an ag teacher at Southwood High School, and being one of the original members of the Salute to Agriculture committee that celebrates our local farms and producers every March.

For the event’s finale, as is tradition, the 2021 Distinguished Citizen was named. Doug Adams, who received the Distinguished Citizen award in 2020, shared facts and stories about this year’s recipient before announcing that the 2021 Distinguished Citizen was Liz Hobbs, whose long history of ser-

vice in Wabash County, especially her work with The Access Youth Center, made her an ideal candidate for this year’s award. Hobbs shared her surprise during her remarks after the speech and the humbling experience it was to be named this year’s Distinguished Citizen.

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